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SUBJECT: IRELAND LIKELY TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF CONDEMNATION OF  
CUBA EMBARGO

REF: STATE 148506

¶1. (SBU) POLOFFS DELIVERED REFTEL ON OCTOBER 26, 2007 URGING  
A VOTE AGAINST THE CUBAN UNGA RESOLUTION ON THE U.S. EMBARGO  
TO GAVAN O'LEARY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS UNIT, IRISH  
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA). O'LEARY RESPONDED THAT  
IRELAND'S DEFAULT POSITION FOR THIS ISSUE WOULD BE HOW DUBLIN  
VOTED THE LAST TIME - IN 2006, IRELAND VOTED IN FAVOR OF  
CONDEMNING THE EMBARGO.

¶2. (SBU) REGARDING THE RECENT POTUS STATEMENT ON CUBA,  
O'LEARY SAID IRELAND AND THE EU TOOK A DIFFERENT APPROACH  
FROM THE U.S., BUT SHARED THE LONG-TERM DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN  
RIGHTS GOALS, ADDING THAT IRELAND WOULD CONSIDER THE  
STATEMENT AND WAS AWARE OF THE SENSITIVITIES OF THE ISSUE.

¶3. (SBU) COMMENT: IN 2006, ALL EU COUNTRIES VOTED IN FAVOR OF  
ENDING THE EMBARGO. IRELAND WILL FOLLOW EU CONSENSUS AND IS  
UNLIKELY TO BREAK WITH ITS EU PARTNERS ON THIS ISSUE.  
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